

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1645**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas**

February 21, 2003

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An act to add Section 21667 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to airports.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1645, as introduced, Ridley-Thomas. Airports: ground transportation security.

(1) The Transportation Security Administration of the United States Department of Transportation, administered by the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security, is responsible for carrying out measures to ensure aviation security, including hiring, training, and retention of personnel for the security screening of passengers and baggage and conducting background checks for individuals with access to secure areas of airports regularly serving an air carrier holding a certificate issued by the Secretary of Transportation.

The State Aeronautics Act governs the establishment and operation of airports in this state. The act requires the issuance of a permit by the Department of Transportation before any political subdivision or person may construct, establish, operate or expand an airport.

This bill would require the department to adopt standards governing security for ground transportation carriers to and from airports that require an operating permit. Because any violation of the State Aeronautics Act is a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state.

Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 21667 is added to the Public Utilities  
2 Code, to read:  
3 21667. The department shall adopt standards governing  
4 security for ground transportation carriers to and from airports  
5 requiring a permit to operate under this article.  
6 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
7 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
8 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
9 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
10 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
11 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
12 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
13 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
14 Constitution.  
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